#### **AGENDA**

#### Town of Leesburg/Loudoun County Joint Annexation Area Development Policies Committee

Leesburg Town Council: Marty Martinez and Kevin Wright

Board of Supervisors: Sally Kurtz and Jim Clem

Leesburg Planning Commission: Kathryn Miller and Earl Hoovler County Planning Commission: John Elgin and Nancy Doane

April 12, 2007 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

#### Leesburg Town Office - Lower Level Conference Room 1

- 1. Opening *Kurtz* 
  - Review Meeting Summary from March 8, 2007 meeting (Attachment 1)
- 2. Discussion of Annexation Review and discuss Committee members' ideas for annexation of properties in the Leesburg Joint Planning Area (See Leesburg's ideas Attachment 2) Committee
- 3. Crosstrail Boulevard Discussion of Town's recommendation to restore the Crosstrail Boulevard link between Route 15 and Route 621 to the Countywide Transportation Plan (Attachment 3) Staff and Committee
- 4. Next meeting *Kurtz* 
  - Date and location
  - Agenda items
    - Update on Town utility rate schedule and litigation

#### Attachments:

- 1. Summary of March 8, 2007 meeting
- 2. Leesburg Committee Representatives Ideas for Annexation Suggestions
- 3. Request from Town Council to the County to restore Crosstrail Boulevard link from Route 621 to Route 15

### **County of Loudoun**

### **Department of Planning**

#### MEMORANDUM

DATE:

April 6, 2007

TO:

**AADP Committee** 

FROM:

Susan Berry Hill, Program Manager

SUBJECT: Agenda Items for April 12, 2007 AADP Meeting

At the March 8, 2007 AADP meeting, the Committee direction for the April meeting was to continue discussion of annexation strategies for the Leesburg Joint Planning Area (LJPA) and to continue discussion about restoring the segment of Crosstrail Boulevard from Route 621 to Route 15 into the planned road network as depicted in the Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP). The agenda for the April 12 meeting includes these two agenda items and this memo serves to update the Committee on these issues in preparation for discussion on April 12.

#### Annexation

In preparation for the April 12 meeting, members of the AADP Committee from the Town Council and Planning Commission met together and discussed annexation strategies and options. Their ideas are provided on the map included in this meeting packet as Attachment 2. For your information, the three active Boundary Line Adjustments (BLA) shown on the map include: (1) 142 acres owned by the Town and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority; (2) 15 acre property owned by the Southeastern District Lutheran Church; and (3) 4 acre parcel owned by the County.

County members of the Committee also met to discuss annexation strategies. Supervisor Kurtz and Planning Commissioner Doane met to discuss options and decided not to propose an annexation strategy but rather to listen to the Town's rationale for their annexation strategy and discuss this further at the April 12 meeting. Supervisor Clem and Planning Commissioner Elgin met to discuss their ideas for annexation strategies and they will bring these to the meeting.

To begin discussion of this topic at the April 12 meeting, staff recommends that Committee members preface their comments by sharing their annexation objectives

with the full Committee and then describe how the proposed annexation strategies will meet those objectives.

#### **Crosstrail Boulevard**

At the March 8 meeting, staff presented an issue paper that addressed the linkage of Crosstrail Boulevard from Route 621 to Route 15. It was noted that in 2001, the County removed this segment of Crosstrail Boulevard with the adoption of the Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) and Revised General Plan for a number of reasons. The area had been planned for very low density residential uses and service by a four-lane divided facility was not deemed necessary. There was a desire to protect the historic Rokeby property which could be impacted by the alignment Crosstail Boulevard. Lastly, an alignment of this facility that would match with Route 704 would induce more traffic on roads west of Route 15.

The Town Plan includes the Crosstrail link to Route 15. The connection of Crosstrail Boulevard to Route 15 is viewed to be necessary to provide relief to improve levels of service for roads in and around Leesburg. This conclusion was based on a Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) study which indicated that another east/west corridor would be needed to handle traffic around Leesburg and relieve traffic pressures through the Town.

The issue paper also noted the difficulty in establishing an alignment for Crosstrail to connect with Route 15. Subdivisions have been approved that limit alignment possibilities, most notably the Rokeby Hamlets which are located between Gleedsville Road and Route 15. Conservancy lots and open space easements associated with this subdivision as well as the existence of substantial areas of floodplain will complicate alignment possibilities further.

In the fall of 2006, the Town of Leesburg requested that Crosstrail Boulevard be restored on the CTP (Attachment 3). This request is currently being considered within the CTP update. The consultant working with County staff on the CTP will be modeling Crosstrail Boulevard with the connection to Route 15 and the results from this study will be available in late April.

Staff recommends that the AADP Committee defer further discussion on this topic until the results of the CTP model are available. The results will quantify two unknowns: how the road may help the congestion problems in and around Leesburg and how the connection will impact roads to the west of Route 15, namely Route 704. Once this information is assessed, the County can assess whether to restore the Crosstrail Boulevard link to Route 15 in the CTP and the Town and County can decide when and how to pursue preliminary alignment studies.

#### AADP Joint Policy Committee Loudoun County/Town of Leesburg

# Thursday, March 8, 2007 5:00 p.m.

#### **Meeting Summary**

#### **Committee Members:**

Leesburg Town Council County Board of Supervisors Leesburg Planning Commission County Planning Commission Marty Martinez and Kevin Wright Sally Kurtz, Chairman and Jim Clem Kathryn Miller and Earl Hoovler John Elgin and Nancy Doane

#### 1. **Opening**

All members were present for the meeting.

Supervisor Kurtz, Committee Chair, convened the meeting and reviewed the agenda. The Committee accepted the January 11, 2007 meeting summary as presented in Attachment 1.

#### 2. Committee Objectives

Individual Committee members stated what they hope to accomplish in the joint planning meetings and discussed the objectives as follows

- Develop a recommendation on annexation.
- Establish what the joint plan is, as the basis of the recommendation.
- Direct that the Town and County Planning Commissioners jointly plan the Leesburg JLMA, which could become the real process. The Town should have input in proposed development surrounding the town.
- Resolve water and sewer issues. Consider solutions that benefit the town and the county.
- Plan for future annexation growth using a phased approach. Decide if the growth includes all of the Leesburg joint planning area or only a portion.
- Identify the entire area at one time and the agreement would address all of it, but the actual annexation could be phased within the agreement.
- Cross connect water services between LCSA and the western part of the Town.
- It is paramount to complete the joint planning. Use the same terms between the County and Town staffs.
- Get enough land for Leesburg's growth over the next 30 years.
- Set goals for joint planning and a phased approach, and establish specific timelines to put annexation in place.
- All areas in the joint planning area should be considered.
- Annexation should occur before the residential development comes in.

- Create an annexation plan that specifies how to accomplish each step of the process. Include terms and definitions and common land uses. As a milestone, plans could be adapted to realize a common goal. Involve landowners and stakeholders.
- A discussion of joint planning in the southeast section of the Town should extend to the Goose Creek and consider proposed applications such as Ridgewater, whether approved or not, since it will have an impact on planning for roadways and utilities.
- The Committee agreed with the suggestion that they highlight their recommended phases on maps of the joint planning area and bring them to the April Committee meeting, to include identifying the overlaps and the outlying areas where the Committee needs to concentrate its decisions. Parcels that could be resolved by boundary line adjustments should be identified and separated from areas being considered in the joint planning area. Committee members agreed to prepare these maps for discussion at the April 12 Committee meeting.
- Staff noted that after the Committee has identified the areas to be jointly planned and annexed, the long-range planning document will be amended to that boundary. The Town may no longer have a growth area because the limits will be established through the process, and the annexation agreement will govern whether annexation is planned all at one time or phased.

#### 3. Issues Paper on Land Use and Crosstrail Boulevard (Attachment 2)

At the direction of the Committee on January 11, 2007, staff prepared three issue papers pertinent to the discussion of land use and transportation issues in the Leesburg Joint Planning Area. The Committee discussed Issue Question #3. Issues #1 and #2, Residential Uses near the Executive Airport, be discussed at a future Committee meeting.

<u>Question #3 – Should Crosstrail Boulevard (Route 704 Extended) be extended from Evergreen Mills Road (Route 621) to Route 15?</u>

County staff provided an overview of Crosstrail Boulevard as it is depicted in the 2001 Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) and the Leesburg 2005 Town Plan and issues related to the Rokeby Hamlets Subdivision located in this area.

The Committee discussed options to connect the section of Crosstrail Boulevard from Evergreen Mills Road to Route 15. It was noted that the two-lane road is designated a rural road and there is not sufficient right-of-way to increase laneage. Expansion is further precluded by the existing development and conservancy lots.

There was consensus among Committee members, however, that all options should be explored for a viable connection, even if the road remains two lanes. It would serve as a "safety valve" when the arterial roads are congested.

County staff stated that they will prepare a map for the Committee's April meeting showing constraints on the property such as the location of conservancy lots, the town's proposed alignment, and environmental restrictions.

The Committee requested that Town and County transportation staffs work together to look at alternate routes and return to the Committee with additional input on all possible options to connect the road.

#### 4. Town/County Transportation Glossary (Attachment 3)

The Committee discussed the County/Town Road Classifications chart comparing terminology between the County's and Town's plans.

Town staff noted that there is not much difference in the terminology since both jurisdictions use the term "arterial," for example. The difference in referring to arterial roads is the number of lanes and widths of rights-of-way. The Town maintains roads within the corporate limits and uses certain federal highway administration classifications for the planned road networks. County roads are owned and maintained by VDOT and the County uses road classifications based on VDOT standards

It was suggested that the classification comparison chart be placed in the appendix as a reference document.

Following further discussion, the Committee requested that county staff bring back information on the rationale for using particular designations in the CTP and whether the terminology can be changed in county documents to be consistent with the Town's.

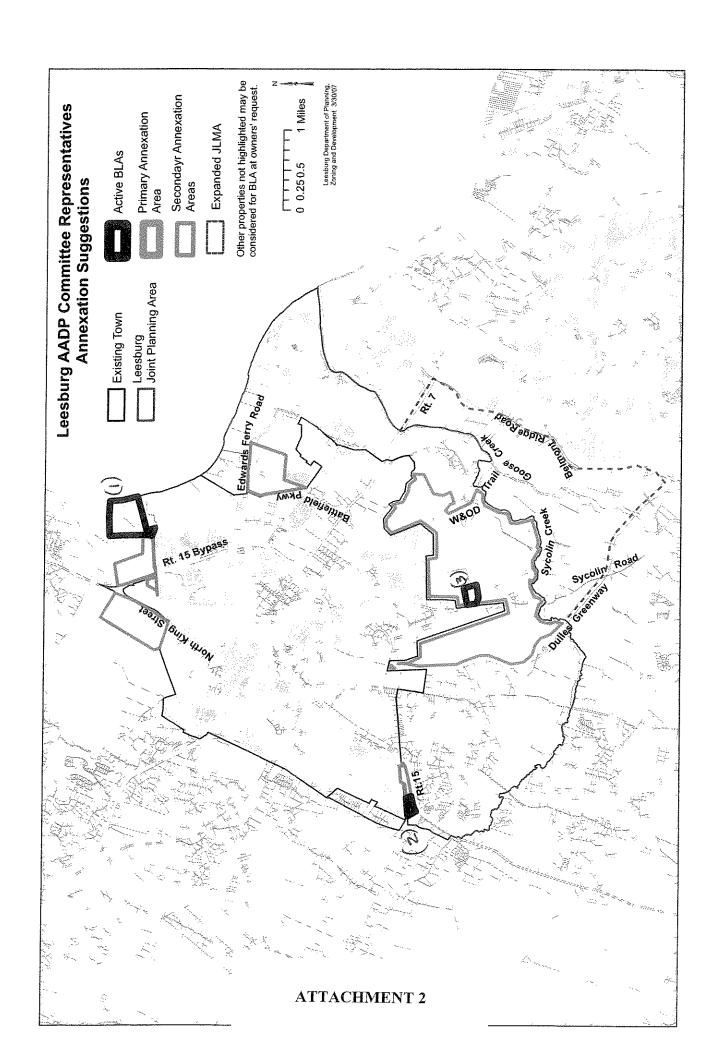
#### 5. Update on Town Utility Rate Litigation

John Wells, Leesburg Town Manager, stated that the Town's recent action summary addressing this issue was distributed to Committee members, and that there is no new information to report at this time.

#### 6. Next Meeting Date

The Committee will meet at 5 p.m. on April 12, 2007 on the lower level of the Leesburg Town Hall. Chairman Kurtz stated that Committee members should forward their proposed maps of a joint planning area to Susan Berry-Hill in the county Planning Department by April 5.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kurtz at 6:15 p.m.





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CC: Mayor of Council
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October 3, 2006

Mr. John Wells, Town Manager Town of Leesburg, P.O. Box 88 Leesburg, VA 20178

<u>Reference</u>: September 26, 2006 Letter Regarding Restoration in the CTP of Crosstrails Blvd. from Route 621 to Route 15

Dear John:

Thank you for transmitting the Town Council resolution requesting County consideration of restoring in the Countywide Transportation Plan the link of Crosstrails Boulevard from Route 621 (Evergreen Mills Road) to Route 15 (John Mosby Highway).

As you may know, the County has contracted with Michael Baker Corporation to assist in updating the Countywide Transportation Plan. They are currently working with County staff on updating the Transportation model inputs and will begin their traffic generation runs in the next few weeks. The project timeline calls for them to make recommendations to the County in the March, 2007 timeframe with respect to the changes needed to the current CTP.

I will make sure that County staff discusses the Town Council's request with our consultant for consideration in making their recommendations to the Board next Spring. Thank you for bringing this matter to the attention of the County.

Following the presentation of the consultant's recommendations, there will be public hearings before the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors prior to adoption of a revised CTP. The Town of Leesburg should consider participating in these hearings to make their requests known to those bodies.

Sincerely.

Jarby M. Bowers County Administrator

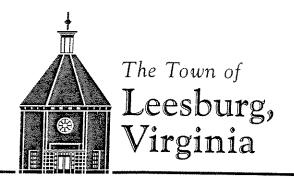
Cc: Terrie Laycock, Assistant County Administrator
Dale Castellow, Director of the Office of Transportation

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Town of Leesburg
Town Manager

ATTACHMENT 3



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September 26, 2006

Mr. Kirby M. Bowers County Administrator Loudoun County 1 Harrison Street, S.E. P. O. Box 7000 Leesburg, Virginia 20177-7000

Dear Kirby, Kirby

I am pleased to advise you that the Leesburg Town Council approved Resolution #2006-157 on September 12, 2006, which request the link of Crosstrail Boulevard from Route 621 to Route 15 be restored to the Loudoun County Transportation Plan (see attached Resolution and memo).

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 703-771-2700 or Calvin Grow at 703-777-2420.

Sincerely,

John Wells Town Manager

Attachment

cc: Mayor and Council

Thomas A. Mason, Director of Engineering & Public Works

Susan Swift, Director of Planning & Zoning

Calvin K. Grow, Transportation Engineer

David Fuller

Jim Chandler

Terry Laycock

Dale R. Castellow

Art Smith



The Town of Leesburg, Virginia

PRESENTED September 12, 2006

RESOLUTION NO.

2006-157

ADOPTED

September 12, 2006

A RESOLUTION:

REQUESTING THE LOUDOUN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO RESTORE CROSSTRAIL BOULEVARD BETWEEN ROUTE 15 AND ROUTE 621 TO THE LOUDOUN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION

**PLAN** 

WHEREAS, Crosstrail Boulevard from Evergreen Mills Road (Route 621) to Route 15 was deleted in the current Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) which directly impacts the Town of Leesburg; and

WHEREAS, this link of Crosstrail Blvd. is shown as an arterial road on the Roadway Network Policy Map of the 2005 Leesburg Town Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes the Crosstrail Boulevard from Evergreen Mill Road to Route 15 be restored to the CTP; and

WHEREAS, residential subdivisions have been approved and constructed along the previous alignment of Crosstrail Boulevard between Route 15 and Route 621; and

WHEREAS, there are different alignments which will connect Route 15 to Route 621 around the residential lots.

THEREFORE, RESOLVED the Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia hereby transmits to the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors its comments regarding the Countywide Transportation Plan as follows:

SECTION I. The current Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) does not include the section of Crosstrail Boulevard between Route 621 and Route 15 south. The Town considers Crosstrail Boulevard to be of utmost importance to the future development of the Urban Growth Area (UGA) and to maintaining adequate levels of service to the Town's transportation system.

A RESOLUTION:

REQUESTING THE LOUDOUNCOUNTYBOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO RESTORE CROSSTRAIL BOULEVARD BETWEEN ROUTE 15 AND ROUTE 621 TO THE LOUDOUN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION

PLAN

SECTION II. The Town requests the link of Crosstrail Boulevard from Route 621 to Route 15 be restored to the Loudoun County Transportation Plan.

PASSED this 12th day of September 2006.

Town of Leesburg

ATTEST:

R: crosstrail boulevard realignment - 2006



## Date of Council Meeting: September 11, 2006

# TOWN OF LEESBURG TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

<u>Subject</u>: Requesting that Loudoun County restore the section of Crosstrail Boulevard between Route 15 and Evergreen Mill Road (Route 621) to the Loudoun County Transportation Plan.

Staff Contact: Michael K. Bomgardner, Engineer

<u>Recommendation</u>: That the Town Council provide a resolution to Loudoun County to restore this important transportation corridor.

<u>Issue</u>: Should this link of Crosstrail Boulevard be restored to the Loudoun County Transportation Plan?

Background: In July of 2001, the Town Council and Town staff opposed the removal of the Crosstrail Boulevard link from the Loudoun County Transportation Plan. The results of a Virginia Department of Transportation Study (VDOT) study and the conclusions summary showed that another east/west corridor to handle the traffic from an overburdened Leesburg Bypass in 2020 would be needed. Thus, a Town Council resolution was created to oppose the elimination of this link.

The creation of the residential subdivision, Rokeby Hamlet, within the previous alignment corridor causes a new impediment for this road. A new alignment is now being proposed so as not to encroach on the properties within Rokeby Hamlet.

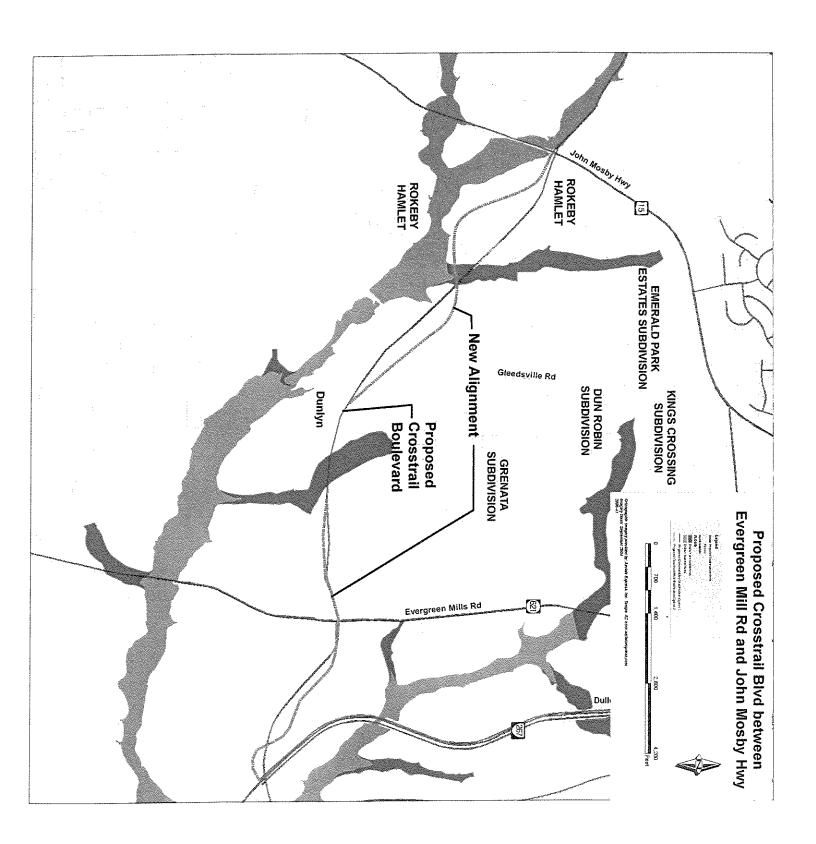
Calvin Grow, Transportation Engineer, and I met with Loudoun County Transportation staff on August 14<sup>th</sup> to determine if any other approved developments in Loudoun County would preclude the construction of the realigned Crosstrail Boulevard. It was determined that the Dunlynn development application had been rejected and that there were no other applications pending for development in the vicinity of this roadway link.

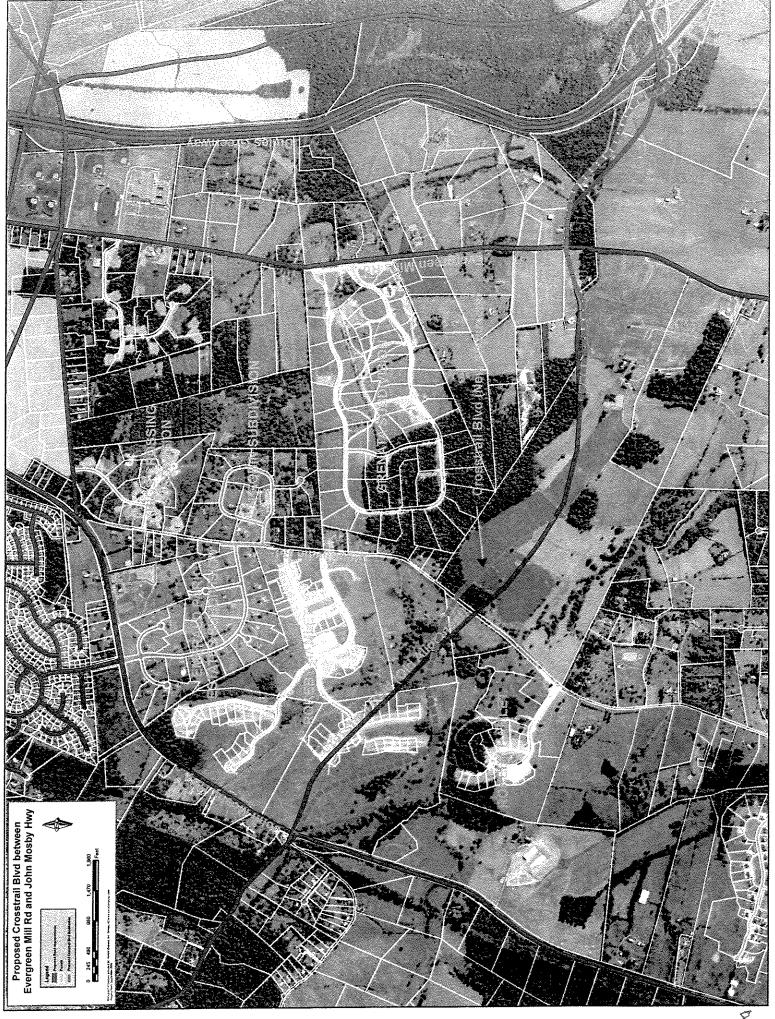
The Department of Planning, Zoning and Development has created aerial photographs and maps showing both the proposed realignment of Crosstrail Boulevard and the existing topography and floodplain that would be encountered. Town staff supports this proposed realignment and recommends that the Town Council adopt a resolution to request the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors to restore this realigned section of Crosstrail Boulevard to the Loudoun County Transportation Plan.

- Attachments: 1. Aerial photograph of the realigned Crosstrail Boulevard
  2. Aerial photograph of existing topography
  3. Map of the proposed realignment
  4. Memo dated July 24, 2006

  - 5. Resolution to be adopted

Memo Crosstrail Boulevard Realignment





# Leesburg, Virginia

Date of Council Meeting: July 24, 2006

## TOWN OF LEESBURG TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Subject: Request to Loudoun County to restore the segment of Crosstrail Boulevard between Route 15 and Evergreen Mill Road (Route 621) to Loudoun County Transportation Plan.

Staff Contact: Thomas A. Mason, P.E., Director of Engineering & Public Works

Recommendation: Town staff supports the link of Crosstrail Boulevard between Route 15 and Route 621. The Town Council and Town staff opposed its removal from the Loudoun County Transportation Plan in 2001. Restoring this link to the County Transportation Plan will now create a conflict with the residential lots recorded since 2001 along the proposed route.

<u>Issue</u>: Should the link of Crosstrail Boulevard be restored to the Loudoun County Transportation Plan? The creation of residential subdivisions (Dunlynn, Rokeby Hamlet and others) within the previous alignment corridor causes a new impediment for this road.

Background: The Loudoun County Transportation Plan, dated November 14, 2000, showed Crosstrail Boulevard starting at Route 7 and connecting to Route 15 (see Attachment 1). The proposed revisions to the Loudoun County General Plan and County-wide Transportation plan that were processed in 2001 included the removal of Crosstrail Boulevard between Route 15 and the Dulles Greenway from the Transportation Plan. This and other items were opposed by the Town. Attached is Resolution 2001-127, adopted on July 10, 2001, and a summary of comments presented by then Leesburg Mayor, B.J. Webb to the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors on May 31, 2001, regarding the proposed changes (see Attachment 2). The Revised General Plan and County-wide Transportation Plan were approved on July 23, 1002. Crosstrail Boulevard between Route 15 and Route 621 was removed from the Transportation Plan (see Attachment 3).

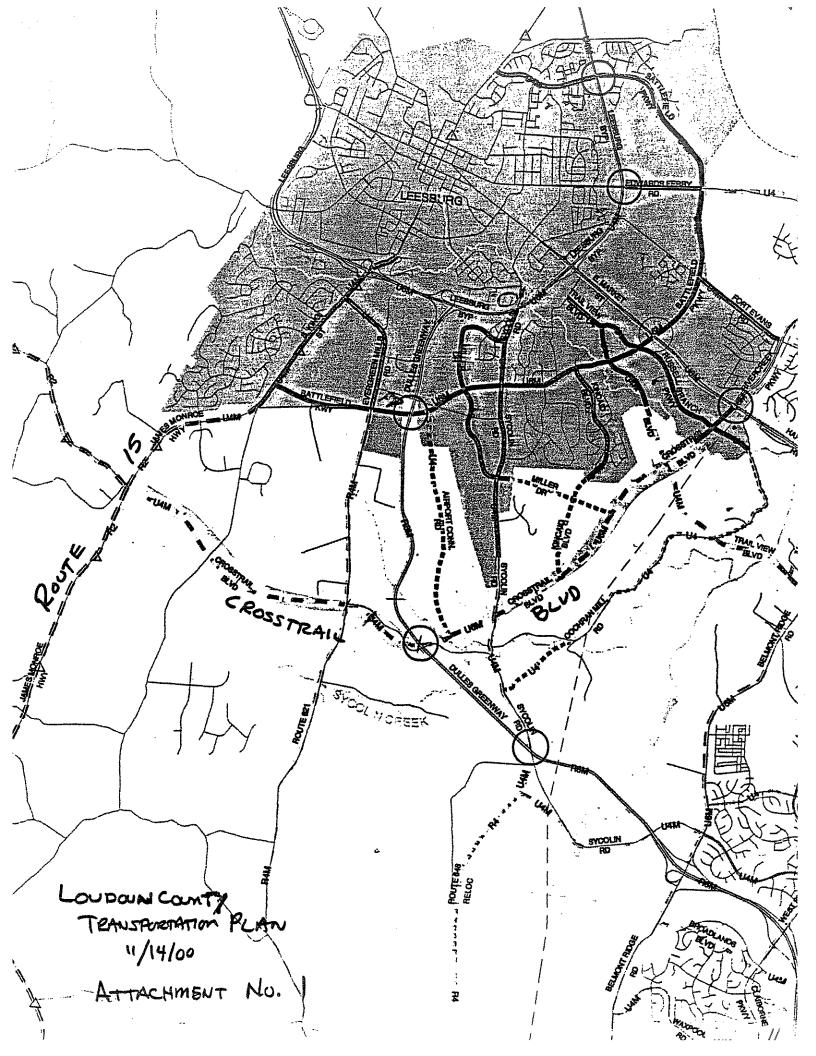
The Town asked the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to evaluate the impact of removing this link of Crosstrail Boulevard on the Leesburg area road system. Attached is a summary of the results and conclusions of this VDOT study, received by the Town in September, 2002 (see Attachment 4). VDOT concluded the Crosstrail Boulevard corridor should be preserved for a future east-west highway to handle growth in traffic from the Shenandoah Valley to the eastern Loudoun/Dulles employment area.

Several residential subdivisions, including Rokeby Hamlet and Dunlynn, have been approved since the County General Plan and Transportation Plan were amended. Many of the new residential lots are in the way of the previous proposed route for Crosstrail Boulevard between Route 15 and Route 621 (see Attachment 5), thus creating an impediment for any road to be constructed in this area.

Attachments: Loudoun County Transportation Plan Map (Attachment 1)

Resolution (Attachment 2)
Loudoun County Transportation Plan Map (Attachment 3)
VDOT Study and Conclusions Summary (Attachment 4)
Residential Lot Map (Attachment 5)

Memo Crosstrail Boulevard - Loudoun County Transportation Plan



Leesburg,

PRESENTED July 10, 2001

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-127

ADOPTED July 10, 2001

A RESOLUTION:

COMMUNICATING THE TOWN OF LEESBURG'S COMMENTS ON THE LOUDOUN COUNTY DRAFT GENERAL PLAN AND DRAFT COUNTYWIDE

TRANSPORTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Loudoun County is in its last stages of review of the proposed revisions to the Draft General Plan and Draft Countywide Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has recently made several changes to the Draft that directly impact the Town of Leesburg; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to communicate to Loudoun County its comments and concerns regarding these revisions, and recommends the Board's serious consideration of the same.

THEREFORE, RESOLVED the Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia hereby transmits its comments regarding the Draft General Plan and Countywide Transportation Plan as follows:

- The current draft Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) deletes the section of Crosstrail Boulevard between the Dulles Greenway and Route 15 south. The Town considers Crosstrail Boulevard to be of utmost importance to the future development of the Urban Growth Area (UGA) and to maintaining adequate levels of service to the Town's transportation system. The Town therefore opposes the deletion and/or relocation of any section of the roadway. The Council further recommends that its classification as a major collector be maintained.
- The Draft Plan anticipates keynote employment land use generally located just east of Goose Creek, fronting on Route 7 and bounded on the east by Route 659 (Belmont Ridge Road). The Town does not support this use at this location.
- The Draft Plan proposes the use of communal water and wastewater facilities for public institutions in the UGA. The Town reiterates its opposition to such facilities as stated in Resolution #2000-101 dated May 23, 2000.

RESOLUTION: COMMUNICATING THE TOWN OF LEESBURG 'S COMMENTS ON THE LOUDOUN COUNTY DRAFT GENERAL PLAN AND DRAFT COUNTWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

- 4. Both Draft Plans propose the designation of Edwards Ferry Road as a two-lane facility with a bike path. The Town continues to support a four-lane roadway as shown in the existing Town and County transportation plans. The Town supports the Virginia Byway designation, provided that the Loudoun County section of Edwards Ferry Road is developed as a four-lane roadway as stated in Resolution #2001-73 dated May 22, 2001.
- 5. The Draft Plan supports a future study of extending the Dulles Corridor Bus Rapid Transit/Rail Project to Leesburg. The Town supports establishing BRT service west of Leesburg with a station in the Route 7/Route 9 corridor, and a station in Leesburg adjacent to the Dulles Greenway.
- 6. The Draft Plan proposes the remapping of zoning classifications around the Leesburg Executive Airport. The Town supports only zoning classifications that are in conformance with the non-residential land use designations in the Town Plan for the UGA.
- 7. The Draft Plan proposes deleting the portion of the UGA west of the Dulles Greenway. The Town has consistently opposed any alteration in the Leesburg UGA until the annexation study is completed. This objection was recently reiterated in the Mayor's comments (attached) to the Board of Supervisors on May 31, 2001.
- 8. The Draft Transportation Plan proposes the deletion of the Western Transportation Corridor thus ensuring Rt. 15 remains the Western Transportation Corridor by default. The Town continues to strongly support a Western Transportation Corridor, which provides a new river crossing of the Potomac. The vitality of the Town of Leesburg depends on a Western Transportation Corridor located to the east of Leesburg with a new river crossing.

PASSED this 10th day of July 2001.

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B.J. Webb, Mayor Town of Leesburg

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council



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## COMMENTS BY MAYOR B.J. WEBB ON REVISED GENERAL PLAN AND COUNTYWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN MAY 31, 2001

On behalf of the Town Council, I appreciate the opportunity to participate in this Town-County session. While we have some concerns, we feel that meaningful discussion can be enlightening and constructive.

## GENERAL PLAN COMMENTS

- The General Plan characterizes the Town of Leesburg as primarily a tourist and travel destination. We are much more. The Town is interested in developing emerging technology industries within the corporate limits and the UGA as well, and would like to be portrayed as such. Presently the General Plan focuses its economic development efforts and emphasis on the "new economy" almost entirely in the Suburban Policy Area. While the Plan cites Dulles Airport as an economic development asset the Town believes the Leesburg Executive Airport is also beneficial in bringing new business to the region.
- The General Plan eliminates a large section of the Leesburg UGA, although the County was aware that the Town of Leesburg is currently studying its UGA. The November 2000 draft of the General Plan states that the County would not act on the Town's UGA until after the Town's study was complete. This will allow the Town to assess the alternative plans for the UGA, and determine if it should be reconfigured to better balance economic and environmental objectives. The Town's study is underway and should be completed by October 2001.

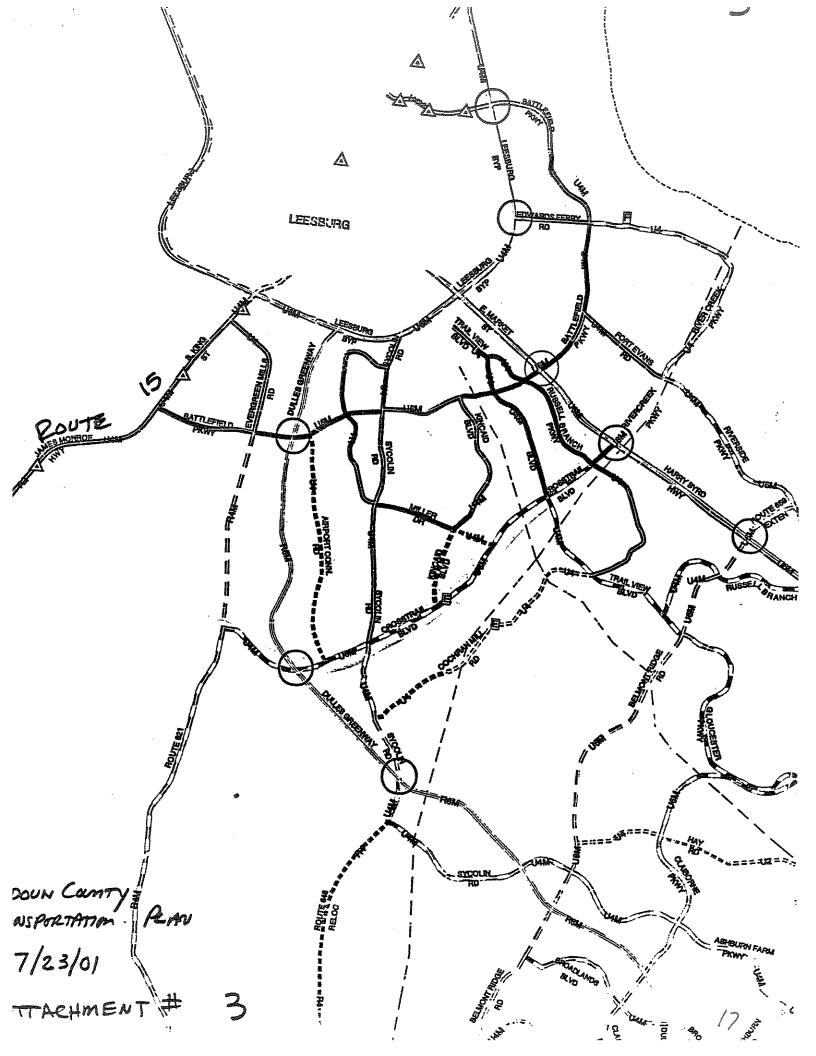
The Town is opposed to the action of reducing the Town's UGA. This action contradicts a number of plans currently in effect. For

Route 621 and the Greenway, is designated for business uses, with a major commercial node at the intersection of Crosstrails Boulevard and the Greenway. Since the Toll Road Plan covers an area 1-½ miles on either side of the Greenway, the action to make the area west of the Greenway Rural Policy Area contradicts the Toll Road Plan.

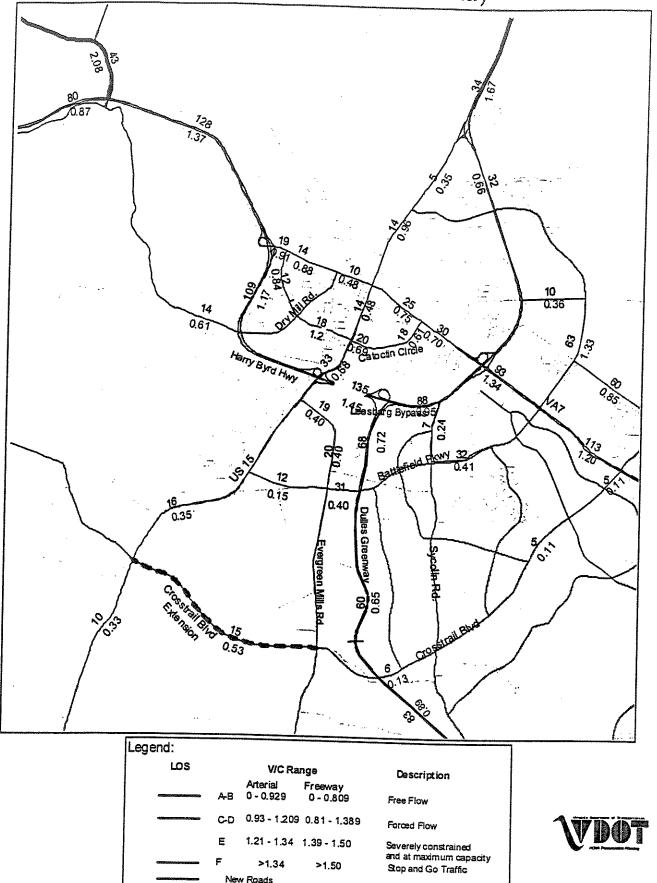
Although the General Plan states that "the County is committed to a new era of partnership with the towns", the action of removing a large section of the Town's UGA brings into question this partnership. The Town has long planned for the development of the UGA and actions such as removing a section of our future economic engine impacts the Town's long-range plans. We had hoped to have a greater input in these planning decisions.

## TRANSPORTATION PLAN COMMENTS

- The Town of Leesburg continues to support the Western Transportation Corridor providing a crossing of the Potomac is made and it does not terminate at Route 7 and Loudoun County is on record as supporting the Western Transportation Corridor as well.
- We cannot emphasize enough how important to plan for and build the major roads which connect to the Town's transportation system which allow us to maintain our planned level of safe and efficient service. The Town planning efforts depend on a number of proposed roadways in the UGA or outside the Town's boundaries such as Crosstrails Boulevard, Evergreen Mills Road and Edwards Ferry Road. For example, without Crosstrails Boulevard, the Leesburg ByPass will eventually become gridlocked.
- Because the Town is a center for business and government, much of the traffic is regional in nature. The revised Transportation Plan does not continue to include the 20% Loudoun County gasoline tax revenues. Although the gas tax funds are allocated to WMATA, we hope that you will continue to share revenue to help the Town in its critical transportation needs.



# 2020 DAILY TRAFFIC & PEAK PERIOD LOS (with Crosstrail Blvd. Ext.)

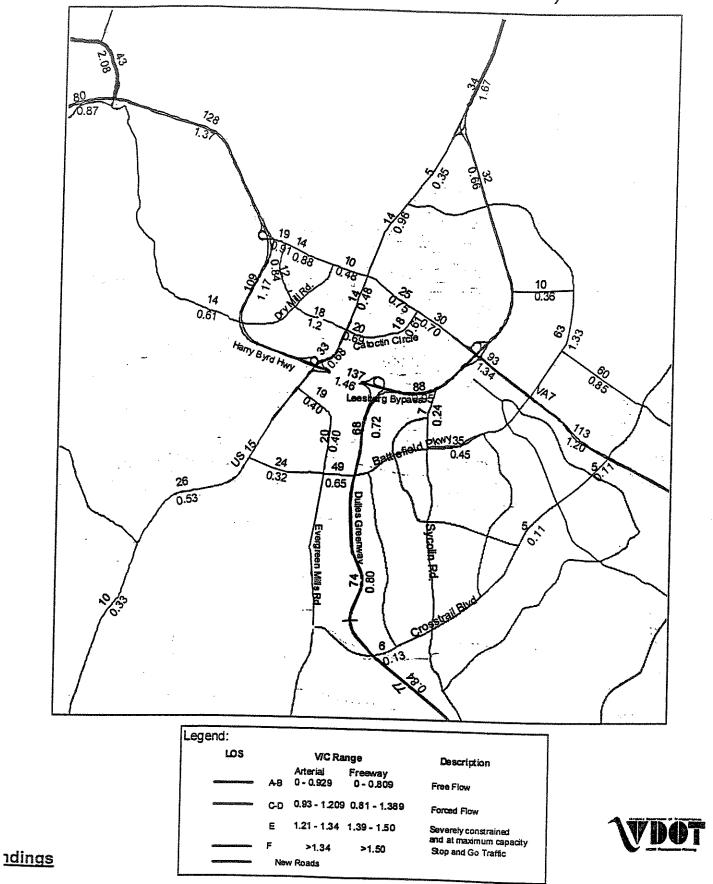


All roadways in Crosstrail Blvd. Extension corridor operate at LOS

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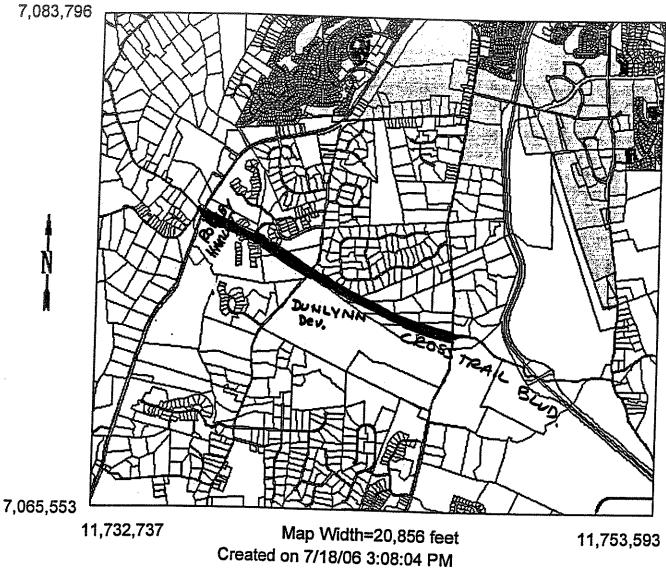
# 2020 DAILY TRAFFIC & PEAK PERIOD LOS (without Crosstrail Blvd. Ext.)



Without Crosstrail Blvd. Extension, traffic volumes on US 15 (S. King Street) and Battlefield Parkway increase but the operating LOS remains at A/B.

# Loudoun County Mapping System





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# ATTACHMENT # 5

